

ABSTRACT

PUBLIC SERVICES – PANCHAYAT RAJ DEPARTMENT – Allegation of corruption demand and Acceptance of bribe against Sri Ganta Venkata Rama Adi Sesha Rao, formerly Junior Assistant, Office of the C.E.O., ZPP, Guntur, Guntur District Trapped on 18-08-2010 - Sanction of Prosecution – Under the provisions of the prevention of corruption Act, 1988 - Orders – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No: 118 Dated:02-05-2012. Read the following:

ORDER:

WHEREAS, Sri Ganta Venkata Rama Adi Sesha Rao, S/o Eswara Rao, worked as Junior Assistant in the Office of the Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Praja Parshid Guntur, Guntur District from 09.07.2008 to 18-08-2010 and by virtue of the post held by him, he falls under the category of a Public Servant as defined under clause (c) of section 2 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988. (Act 49 of 1988)

- 2. AND WHEREAS, Sri Vankudavath Srinu Naik, S/o Sri Bhimudu Naik is working as Junior Assistant, in the Office of the Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Praja Parishad, Guntur, Guntur District.
- AND WHEREAS, it is alleged that Sri Vankudavath Srinu Naik is a 3. resident of Akulavari Thota, Guntur and working as Junior Assistant in the Office of Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Praja Parishad, Guntur, Guntur District, and looks after Provident fund (F5) seat. One Sri S.Vijaya Ratnam a Retired Secondary Gr. Teacher from MPP School, Appikatla, Bapatla Mandal complained that he had faced lot of inconvenience in connection with the receipt of pensionary benefits because of tampering of GPF account number by Sri Vankudavath Srinu Naik and the Accounts Officer, Zilla Praja Parishad, Guntur was appointed as Enquiry Officer in this issue. The Enquiry Officer served an Urgent Office Note on Sri Vankudavath Srinu Naik directing him and the Office Superintendent to attend the enquiry on 15-06-2010 at 3 p.m and Sri Vankudavath Srinu Naik attended to enquiry and submitted his explanation. Sri Ganta Venkata Rama Adi Sesha Rao, formerly Junior Assistant, Office of Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Praja Parishad, Guntur, looks after the connected file. Sri Vankudavath Srinu Naik met him about 4 or 5 times and enquired about his file. Sri Ganta Venkata Rama Adi Sesha Rao informed him that he would talk to the Chief Executive Officer and get the things done. On 17.8.2010 around 11 am Sri Vankudavath Srinu Naik met Sri Ganta Venkata Rama Adi Sesha Rao in his office and enquired about his file. Sri Ganta Venkata Rama Adi Sesha Rao demanded Rs.12,000/- to process the file and to see that there would not be any action by the Chief Executive Officer in this regard. Sri Vankudavath Srinu Naik pleaded his inability to pay such huge amount and Sri Ganta Venkata Rama Adi Sesha Rao reduced his demand to Rs.10,000/- and categorically stated that he would process the file and see that there would not be any problem to Sri Vankudavath Srinu Naik from the Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Praja Parishad, Guntur, and would get the file closed only if he paid the demanded bribe amount Sri Vankudavath Srinu Naik reluctantly agreed to pay the bribe and Sri Ganta Vekata Rama Adi Sesha Rao directed him to pay the said bribe of Rs.10,000/- in his office on 18-8-2010 A/N. As Sri Vankudavath Srinu Naik was unwilling to pay the bribe to Sri Ganta Venkata Rama Adi Sesha Rao, on 17-8-2010, he gave a report against him to the DSP, ACB, Vijayawada Range and requested for necessary action. The DSP received report from Sri Vankudavath Srinu Naik and instructed the District Inspector,

- ACB, Vijayawada Range Guntur to verify the contents of the complaint and antecedents of Sri Ganta Venkata Rama Adi Sesha Rao as well as there of Sri Venkudavath Srinu Naik. After receipt of the verification report, the DSP registered a case in Cr. NO. 15/RCT-ACB-VJA/2010 under section 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 on 18-08-2010 at 9.45 am, after due process and made arrangements for laying trap.
- AND WHEREAS, after completion of proceedings drafted under a cover of Mediators Report-1, the Deputy Superindents of Police along with Sri -Vankudavath Srinu Naik, mediators, Inspectors and other members of the trap party left the ACB office, Guntur on 18-08-2010 at 3.50 p.m in Government vehicles and reached the vicinity of the office of Sri Ganta Venkata Rama Adi -Sesha Rao at 4.05pm. As per the instructions of the DSP Sri Vankudavath Srinu Naik went straight away to Sri Ganta Venkata Rama Adi Sesha Rao, who was sitting alone in the office room. Sri Vankudavath Srinu Naik, requested Sri Ganta Venkata Rama Sesha Rao to help him by processing his file and Sri Ganta Venkata Rama Adi Sesha Rao asked him whether he had brought the demanded bribe amount of Rs.10,000/- for which he replied affirmative. Sri Ganta Venkata Rama Adi Sesha Rao asked Sri Vakudavath Srinu Naik to pay the demanded bribe amount. Then he took out the wad of tainted currency notes from his left front upper shirt pocket with his right hand and gave the same to Sri Ganta Venkata Rama Adi Sesha Rao, who received the same with his left hand and put it in his left side pant pocket. Then Sri Vankudavath Srinu Naik requested Sri Ganta Venkata Rama Adi Sesha Rao to help him and Sri Ganta Venkata Rama Adi Sesha rao assured that he would put up the same to the Chief Executive Officer and said that he would somehow ensure and see that the Chief Executive Officer takes a lenient view of the act done by Sri Vankudavath Srinu Naik and finalize the issue with a warning memo to him that would not in any way affect his career. Sri Vankudavath Srinu Naik came out of the office and gave the pre-arranged signal. Immediately, the DSP and other members of the trap party including mediators rushed into the office room of Sri Ganta Venkata Rama Adi Sesha Rao and the DSP disclosed his identity to Sri Ganta Venkata Rama Adi Sesha Rao conducted Sodium Carbonate solution tests on both hand fingers of Sri Ganta Venkata Rama Adi Sesha Rao and the left hand fingers proved positive. As per the directions of the DSP, Sri Ganta Venkata Rama Adi Sesha Rao produced the tainted amount from his left side pant pocket and as per the instructions of the DSP, one of the mediators took the tainted currency notes and the serial numbers when compared with pre-trap proceedings found tallied. The chemical test conducted on the inner linings of the left side pant pocket of Sri Ganta Venkata Rama Adi Sesha Rao proved positive. The resultant solutions were seized. The DSP seized the tainted amount of Rs.10,000/- for the purpose of further investigation.
- 5. AND WHEREAS, the said acts of Sri Ganta Venkata Rama Adi Sesha Rao, formerly Junior Assistant, Office of Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Praja Parishad, Guntur, Guntur district constitute offences punishable under sections 7 & 13(2) read with section 13(1)(d) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.
- 6. AND WHEREAS, the Government of Andhra Pradesh being the competent authority to remove Sri Ganta Venkata Rama Adi Sesha Rao, formerly Junior Assistant, Office of Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Praja Parishad, Guntur, Guntur district from Government service after fully and carefully examining the material (i.e. Final Report, F.I.R., mediator names, Gist of statement of witnesses etc.,) placed before them in respect of the said allegations and having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case, consider that the said Sri Ganta Venkata Rama Adi Sesha Rao, formerly Junior Assistant, Office of Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Praja Parishad, Guntur, Guntur District should be prosecuted in a court of Law for the afore said offences.

7. NOW THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (b) of sub-section (1) of Section 19 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, (Act 49 of 1988) the Government of Andhra Pradesh hereby accord sanction for prosecution of the above said Sri Ganta Venkata Rama Adi Sesha Rao, formerly Junior Assistant, Office of Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Praja Padrishad, Guntur, Guntur District for the offences punishable under section 7 and sub-section (2) of section 13 read with clause (d) of sub- section (1) of section 13 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Act 49 of 1988) and for any other cognate offences punishable under any other provisions of Law for the time being in force in respect of the aforesaid acts and for taking cognizance of the said offences by a court of competent jurisdiction.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

(C. R. BISWAL)
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
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